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CHARTER

OF

SAINT BERNARD ENCAMPMENT

OF

KNIGHTS TEMPLARS.

From the East of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island,

M.E. WINSLOW LEWIS, GRAND MASTER.

WINSLOW LEWIS,
Grand Master.

WILLIAM FIELD,
Dep. Grand Master.

CHARLES ROBBINS,
Grand Generalissimo.

GEO. F. WILSON,
Captain General.

WHEREAS, a Petition has been presented to us, signed by William Wilson Baker, William Bentley Fowle, Jr., James Alexander Dupee, Richard Briggs, Peter Cushman Jones, Preston Adams Ames, Orren Strong Sanders, Phinehas Stearns Davis, and Henry William Warren, KNIGHTS TEMPLARS, residing in the City of Boston, in the County of Suffolk, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, praying that a CHARTER may be granted to them, authorizing and empowering them to open and hold an Encampment of Knights Templars in said City; and *Whereas*, said Petition was, on this twenty-eighth day of October, A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, duly submitted to, and considered by our said Grand Encampment in open Session; and it appearing that the rules and regulations in such case made and provided have been fully complied with, an order was passed, authorizing the prayer of the Petition to be granted:

NOW KNOW YE, that we, the GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND, reposing special confidence and trust in the fidelity, zeal, and masonic skill of the Petitioners aforesaid, and for the purpose of diffusing the benefits of the Order, and promoting the happiness of its members, do, by these Presents, constitute and establish the said Petitioners, their associates and successors, into an Encampment of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders, by the name of ST. BERNARD ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS, with full and adequate powers to confer the several Orders of Knights of the Red Cross, Knights Templar, and Knights of Malta, upon such person or persons, possessing the requisite qualifications, as they may think proper; and the said Petitioners having selected the following Knights for the Officers of said Encampment, we do hereby appoint Sir WILLIAM W. BAKER, First Eminent Commander, Sir WILLIAM B. FOWLE, Jr., *as* First Generalissimo, and Sir JAMES A. DUPEE, First Captain-General of said Encampment, with continuance of the aforesaid powers and privileges to said Petitioners and their successors forever: said Encampment to take rank and precedence as No. XII. under our jurisdiction; *provided*, nevertheless, that said Officers and Members, and their successors in said Encampment, pay due respect to our said Grand Encampment, and to the Constitution and Edicts thereof, and in no way remove the Ancient Landmarks of our Order: otherwise this Charter, and all things therein contained, to be void and of no effect.

Given at the City of Boston, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, this twenty-eighth day of October, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, and of our Order seven hundred and forty-one.

By order of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Attest: W. H. L. SMITH, *Grand Recorder.*

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I.

OF WHOM THE COMMANDERY SHALL CONSIST.

SECTION I. The SAINT BERNARD COMMANDERY shall consist of a Commander, Generalissimo, Captain-General, Prelate, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Recorder, Sword-Bearer, Standard-Bearer, Warder, three Captains of Guards, Musical Director, Librarian, Refectioner, Armorer, and Sentinel, and as many Knights as the majority of the members may, from time to time, determine.

ASSEMBLIES.

SECTION II. A regular assembly of the Commandery shall be holden on the second Wednesday of each month, unless otherwise ordered by vote of the Commandery. Special assemblies may be ordered by the Commandery or the Commander.

ELECTIONS.

SECTION III. The first eight officers shall be chosen annually, at the stated assembly in December, by written ballot. The others shall be appointed by the Commander, immediately after his installation.

INSTALLATIONS.

SECTION IV. The officers shall be installed as soon as convenient, and hold their offices until their successors are installed.

VACANCIES IN OFFICES.

SECTION V. Should any elective office become vacant, from any cause whatever, the Council shall fill such vacancy by appointment until the next annual election. Any officer appointed by the Commander, who wilfully neglects his duties for three successive assemblies, shall be considered as having relinquished his office, and a successor shall be appointed.

ARTICLE II.

COMMANDER.

SECTION I. The Commander shall convene regular and special assemblies, preside over the same, and instruct the officers and members generally in the mysteries of the Orders.

GENERALISSIMO.

SECTION II. The Generalissimo shall assist the Commander in his various duties, receive his orders and see them duly executed, and preside in the absence of the Commander.

CAPTAIN-GENERAL.

SECTION III. The Captain-General shall proclaim the orders of the Commander, assist him in council, and preside in the absence of the Commander and Generalissimo.

PRELATE.

SECTION IV. The Prelate shall perform the various duties incumbent on Chaplains.

WARDENS.

SECTION V. The Wardens shall prepare the candidate, accompany him through the ceremonies, and introduce him into the Commandery.

TREASURER.

SECTION VI. The Treasurer shall receive the revenues from the Recorder, and pay all demands against the Commandery, when duly approved by the Standing Committee; he shall keep a just account of all moneys and property of the Commandery; exhibit the same when required, and deliver to his successor in office, within thirty days after the election, all the property of the Commandery remaining in his posession.

RECORDER.

SECTION VII. The Recorder shall issue notifications to the members of all assemblies: specifying in writing the names, places of abode, and occupation of all candidates, and, when directed by the Commander, the special business of the assembly; shall observe with attention the transactions of the Commandery, and keep a true record of the same; shall collect the revenue, and pay it to the Treasurer,

at least once in three months; shall serve the chairmen of all committees with a copy of the vote by which they were appointed, and attend their sessions if required; and shall notify members of their election. At the annual assembly he shall exhibit a fair account of all moneys by him received and paid.

WARDER.

SECTION VIII. The Warder shall see the Commandery duly guarded, and the Sentinels at their posts.

MUSICAL DIRECTOR.

SECTION IX. The Musical Director shall have the control and direction of the Music, subject to the approval of the council.

LIBRARIAN.

SECTION X. The Librarian shall have the custody of all books and documents not belonging to the departments of the Treasurer

and Recorder. He shall keep a record of the same, and report annually to the Commandery the donations, purchases, and condition of the property in his charge.

REFECTIONER.

SECTION XI. The Refectioner shall, under the direction of the council, provide and superintend such entertainment as may be required.

ARMORER.

SECTION XII. The Armorer shall have charge of all the furniture and costume of the Commandery; and shall see that they are kept in good order, and fit for use. At the annual election of officers he shall make a return, in writing, to the Standing Committee, of every article in his department.

SENTINEL.

SECTION XIII. The Sentinel shall guard the avenues to the asylum; shall give the

alarm when necessary; and shall discharge such other duties as may be required of him by the Commander.

ARTICLE III.

CANDIDATES FOR ORDERS.

SECTION I. Every candidate for the Orders shall make application in writing, inclosing the fee of one hundred dollars, accompanied by a certificate from three Royal Arch Masons that he has regularly received the degree of Royal Arch Mason, and is of good moral character and respectability. He shall stand proposed from one assembly to another, not less than fourteen days intervening (unless, in case of emergency, a Dispensation be obtained), and, before a ballot shall be taken, he shall satisfy a committee respecting his

knowledge and proficiency in the preceding degrees. He must receive the unanimous vote of the members present, in order to be admitted. If he is not accepted, the fee shall be returned.

PROPOSING AND BALLOTING FOR CANDIDATES.

SECTION II. The names of all candidates for the Orders shall be submitted to the council, and by them approved before they are proposed to the Commandery. The question, "Shall a committee be appointed?" upon such applicant, having been put, and decided in the affirmative, the committee shall be appointed, and by the Recorder immediately notified of their duty. They shall report in writing to the Commander; but the names of this committee shall not be announced to the Commandery, nor shall the Recorder make a record of, or be at liberty to divulge them. The balloting shall be strictly secret, and every member of the Commandery present

shall vote, unless excused by vote of the Commandery. In case ONE black ball only is cast, a second balloting may be ordered, but a third shall not be allowed. When a candidate is rejected, no member shall question another as to his vote, declare his own, or complain of the result.

ARTICLE IV.

PROPOSITION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION I. Any member wishing to propose a candidate for membership shall first communicate his name to the council, who may, if they think proper, announce the name to the Commandery in the same manner as is provided for candidates for the Orders.

BALLOTING FOR MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION II. Candidates for membership shall be balloted for at stated assemblies only,

after having been proposed one month, and their names being inserted on the notifications for the assembly at which the balloting takes place. The unanimous vote of the members present shall be necessary for their admission; and no one shall be entitled to the privileges of a member until he has first provided himself with the costume of the Commandery, paid the admission fee, and signed the By-Laws. Any Knight Templar who may be admitted a member, and who shall neglect to fulfil the provisions of this section within six months after his admission, and notice thereof by the Recorder, must submit to the forms of being reproposed, and again balloted for.

ADMISSION OF HONORARY MEMBERS.

SECTION III. Knights Templars who have been eminently useful to the Institution, or to this Commandery in particular, may be admitted Honorary Members, at any stated assembly, by being proposed and balloted for

in the manner provided for other members; and said Honorary Members shall enjoy all the rights and privileges of members, but shall not be subject to quarterages or assessments.

FORFEITURE OF MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION IV. Any member (honorary excepted) who absents himself from six successive regular assemblies, or who neglects to pay his quarterages or assessments for one year after the same shall be due, shall be liable to forfeiture of membership, under a vote of the Commandery. PROVIDED, ALSO, three months' notice shall have been given by the Recorder to such delinquent.

DISCHARGE FROM MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION V. Should any member wilfully violate the principles of his profession, or reveal the confidential transactions of the Commandery to any person not a member,

he may be discharged at any regular assembly by a majority of the members present; he having received at least ten days' notice of such intention to discharge him, and such notice having been specified upon the notification for said assembly.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Council shall be a Standing Committee, who shall audit the accounts of the Treasurer and Recorder, and report at the annual assembly; examine and approve all bills against the Commandery; examine and decide all excuses for breach of these By-Laws, and transact generally the financial affairs of the Commandery, unless it is otherwise specially ordered.

ARTICLE VI.

ADMISSION TO THE ASSEMBLIES.

No visitor or member, except by special vote, shall be admitted to the assemblies of the Commandery, unless his costume shall conform to that adopted by this Commandery, or the Commandery of which he is a member.

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ARTICLE VII.

PERSONAL AGGRIEVANCES.

SECTION I. Should disputes unhappily arise among the members, it shall be the duty of the Commander, upon application of the party aggrieved, or of any three of the members, to convene the Commandery: when a careful, patient, and impartial investigation of the cause of the complaint shall be made, and the decision thereupon of a majority of the Knights present shall be conclusive.

COSTUME, ETC.

SECTION II. No alteration of the costume shall be made, no extra assessment laid, nor vote taken for any public installation, procession, or parade, except at assemblies regularly called, with the business inserted in the notification thereof.

PARADES.

SECTION III. No public parade shall be made of this Commandery, excepting the members appear mounted, unless upon some special occasion, which shall require, at an assembly notified for that purpose, a vote of two-thirds of the Commandery.

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ARTICLE VIII.

ALTERATION OR REPEAL OF BY-LAWS.

All alterations or amendments to these By-Laws shall be stated in writing at a regular

assembly, and due notice given of the same on the notifications of the succeeding regular assembly, when they may be adopted by two-thirds of the members present.

TABLE OF FEES.

Every Candidate for the Orders shall pay, on making application for the same, the sum of one hundred dollars.

Every Candidate for membership, if knighted in this Commandery, shall pay a fee of twenty-five dollars, and all other Candidates, fifty dollars.

Each member, except honorary, and those otherwise specially exempted, shall pay quarterages at the rate of twenty dollars per annum.

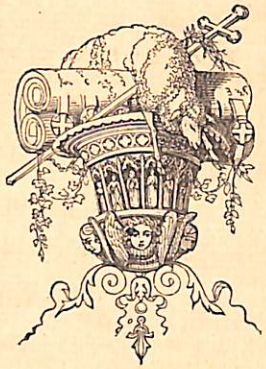
The Treasurer and Recorder shall severally be exempt from quarterages.

For each Diploma, the cost thereof shall be paid to the Commandery.

Commanders of Saint Bernard Commandery

FROM ITS ORGANIZATION.

William W Baker	1859–61.
P. Adams Ames	1862–63.
Henry Mulliken	1864–66.
F. Lyman Winship	1867–68.
Charles A. Welch	1869.



Initiates of Saint Bernard Commandery

SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION.

Allen, W. Henry
Ames, A T. B.
Baldwin, Jacob, Jr.
Barrett, Edwin S.
Bickford, Weare D.
Buckingham, C. E.
Bond, George
Burr, E. W.
Brown, B. F.
Bacon, Josiah
Bacon, Thomas H.
Barnard, Joseph T.
Bent, G. H.
Brownell, R S.
Bradbury, J. H.
Chase, J. G.
Chase, Wallis S.
Chamberlin, Thomas E.
Chamberlin, J. W.
Candler, W. L.
Curtis, J Gardner
Dana, Samuel B.
Endicott, Charles N.
Emery, F. F.
Ewing, C. A. E.
Evans, W. J. R.
Frye, Nathan
French, Jonas H.
Fiske, George J.
Foster, Charles O.
Felix, Louis A.
Fairbanks, C. F.
Fisher, George J.
Farrington, Charles F.
Golddwaite, Joel
Griggs, Stephen R.
Guild, Josiah F.
Gardner, H. G.
Gill, C. S.
Harris, G. W.
Harding, W F.
Hurd, Benjamin
Hurd, G Frederick
Hartwell, H. W.
Joy, J. S.
Keyes, George

Kent, John
Kennedy, W. T.
Kearney, E. S.
Kimball, J. Wesley
Kimball, G. H.
Kennard, W. H.
Little, Samuel
Lancy, J.
Marvin, W T. R.
McKim, W. W.
May, Samuel P.
Merritt, F. S.
Moore, J. W.
Milton, R S.
Mayhew, W. B.
Moore, Horatio
Macintosh, W. H.
Nickerson, J. F.
Norcross, W. R.
Norcross, D. W.
Odiorne, F. H.
Putnam, J. H.
Pike, George H.
Parker, W. A.
Rand, E. S., Jr.
Roundy, John
Richardson, W. H.
Randall, Charles T.
Rogers, William
Sears, R. W.
Seavey, C. E.
Seavey, G F.
Stratton, W. D.
Smith, J. W.
Sturgis, H. H.
Shepard, C A B.
Sortwell, D. R.
Tyler, T. H.
Tucker, William W.
Taylor, William O.
Taylor, T. E.
Thompson, A.
Thomas, C. U.
Underwood, W. J.
Underwood, Adin B.
Whipple, John L.
Winship, F. Lyman
White, Daniel F.
Welch, Charles A.
Welch, Uriah
Wentworth, C. C.
Wells, Samuel, Jr.
Whitney, Henry A.
Williams, Moses B.
Weld, Aaron D., Jr.
Winchester, S. S.
Ward, Francis J.
Wheeler, Daniel
Weld, Otis E.

MEMBERS OF ST. BERNARD COMMANDERY.

* Ames, P. Adams
Allen, W. Henry
Ames, A. T B.
Ames, Henry F.
* Alger, W. R.
Bent, George H.
* Baker, William W.
Briggs, Richard
† Bickford, Weare D.
† Barrett, Edwin S.
Baldwin, Jacob, Jr.
Bond, George
† Buckingham, Charles E.
† Bradbury, John H.
Burr, Elijah W.
Brown, Benjamin F.
Bacon, Josiah
Bacon, Thomas H.
Brownell, Richard S.
† Brown, Seth E.
† Billings, Joseph E.
Cotting, Charles U.
Candler, John W.
Chase, J. G.
Chase, Wallis S.
Candler, William L.
† Chamberlin, Thomas E.
† Chamberlin, J W.
Curtis, J. Gardner
‡ Davis, Phinehas S.
Dupee, James A.
† Dana, Samuel B.
Emery, Francis F.
Ewing, C. A. E.
† Endicott, Charles
Evans, W. J R.
Fowle, William B.
Frye, Nathan
French, Jonas H.
Foster, Charles O.
Felix, Louis A.
Fairbanks, Charles F.
‡ Fiske, George J.
Fisher, George J.
Galloupe, Charles W.
Goldthwaite, Joel
‡ Griggs, Stephen R.
Guild, Josiah F.
Gardner, Henry G.
* Gardner, William S.

Gill, Charles S.
Harris, George W.
Hurd, G. Frederick
Hurd, Benjamin
Hartwell, Henry W.
† Harding, W. F.
† Jones, Peter C.
Joy, J. S.
Keyes, George
Kent, John
Kennedy, William T.
Kimball, J. Wesley
Kimball, George H.
Kennard, William H.
Kent, James D.
† Little, Samuel
* Mulliken, Henry
May, Samuel P.
Merritt, Franklin S.
McKim, William W.
Milton, Richard S.
Mayhew, Wooster B.
Moore, Horatio
Macintosh, W. H.
† Norcross, W. R.
Norcross, D Webster
† Nickerson, Edward G.
† Odiorne, F. H.
Putnam, Joshua H.
Pratt, George L.
† Pearce, S. H.
Parker, N. A.
Parker, W. A.
Raymond, Curtis B.
Randall, Paul K.
Rand, Edward S., Jr.
† Roundy, John
† Rogers, William
Randall, Charles T.
Stedman, William M., Jr.
Sears, Richard W.
Seavey, Charles E.
Seavey, George F.
Stratton, William D.
† Sanders, Orren S.
† Stevens, Benjamin F.
Sortwell, D. K.
Taylor, William O.
Thompson, Albert
Tucker, W. W.
Thomas, Charles U.
Tyler, Thomas H.
† Taylor, T. E.
Underwood, W. J.
Underwood, Adin B.
Warren, Henry W.
Whipple, John L.
* Winship, F. Lyman
Welch, Charles A.
Welch, Uriah
Wentworth, Charles C.
Wells, Samuel
Whitney, Henry A.
Weld, Aaron D. Jr.
Winchester, Stephen S.
Wheeler, Daniel
Weld, Otis E.
† Ward, F. J.
‡ Williams, Moses B.
‡ Whiting, Joseph J.
‡ White, Daniel F.

* Honorary. † Withdrawn, ‡ Deceased.